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Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards

Mexico's Certification Requirements for Animal Products, and Live Animals

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishing and Foods (SAGARPA) has instructed its inspection offices throughout Mexico to comply with new certification requirements for imports of animal products. The new requirements are the result of Changes to Mexico's Animal Health Law and were originally scheduled to go into effect on October 6, 2002. However, industry confusion at that time led to a delay in implementation. This report contains the revised certification requirements.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an official communication from the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishing and Foods (SAGARPA) to all the Animal Plant Health Inspection Offices throughout Mexico. The communication refers to the established requirements in article 24 fractions II and IV of the Federal Animal Health Law published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on July 12, 2002.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: As part of the implementation of the Animal Health law, in August 2002, SAGARPA outlined new information requirements for health certificates. The new requirements were to go into effect on October 6, 2002 and caused considerable confusion among importers and exporters. So much confusion that SAGARPA rescinded the requirements and said that it would clarify the requirements and instruct its inspectors to be flexible in the interim. These are the new clarified instructions, which were issued on April 4, 2003. On April 2, SAGARPA gave USDA an opportunity to comment on a version of these requirements. Comments were submitted on April 10. At this stage it's not clear if these comments will result in a revised version of these requirements

Title: New SAGARPA Certification Requirements

Important Dates

1. Notification Date: April 4, 2003

2. Effective Date of Resolution: April 4, 2003

Products Affected: Animal Products, live animals, other products of animal origin.

Table I

PROCESSED PRODUCTS AND SUB-PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

Note: CZE refers to Zoosanitary Export Certificate from Country of Origin

Merchandise	REQUIREMENTS							
Products and By-products	Place of Origin /Source	Destination	Slaughter Date	Packing Date	Expiration Date	Lot Number	Slaughter plant No.	Processing Date
Food Additives	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Company issued document	Company issued document	Label	Does not apply	Company issued document
Albumen	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Company issued document	Company issued document	Label or Company issued document	Does not apply	Company issued document

Merchandise		REQUIREMENTS						
Products and By-products	Place of Origin /Source	Destination	Slaughter Date	Packing Date	Expiration Date	Lot Number	Slaughter plant No.	Processing Date
Hides	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Company issued document	Label	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Company issued document
Sterile Bristles	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Company issued document	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Company issued document
Green Hides Fresh and Salted	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Company issued document	Label
Food Supplements	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Company issued document	Company issued document	Label	Does not apply	Company issued document
Elastin	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Company issued document	Company issued document	Company issued document	Company issued document	Does not apply	Company issued document
Synthetic Enzymes	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	CZE	Does not apply	Does not apply

Merchandise	REQUIREMENTS							
	Place of Origin /Source	Destination	Slaughter Date	Packing Date	Expiration Date	Lot Number	Slaughter plant No.	Processing Date
Grease (lard)	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	CZE	CZE	Does not apply	Does not apply	CZE	CZE
Cold Cuts	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	CZE or label	Label	CZE	Does not apply	CZE
Bile	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Label	Label	Does not apply	CZE
Industrialized Poultry Manure	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Company issued document
Powdered Liver	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Label	Label	Does not apply	CZE

Merchandise	REQUIREMENTS							
Products and By-products	Place of Origin /Source	Destination	Slaughter Date	Packing Date	Expiration Date	Lot Number	Slaughter plant No.	Processing Date
Milk products	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Label	Label	Does not apply	Company issued document
Canned Goods	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	CZE or label	Label (consume preferably by)	Label	Does not apply	CZE
Processed Egg	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Company issued document	Company issued document	Company issued document	Does not apply	Company issued document
Processed Meal	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	CZE	Company issued document	Company issued document	Label	Company issued document	Company issued document or label
Meal for Animal Consumption	CZE	CZE	CZE	CZE	CZE	CZE	CZE	CZE
Honey	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Label	Label	Does not apply	Company issued document
Pates	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label or CZE	Label (Preferably consume by)	Label	Does not apply	CZE

Merchandise	REQUIREMENTS							
Products and By-products	Place of Origin /Source	Destination	Slaughter Date	Packing Date	Expiration Date	Lot Number	Slaughter plant No.	Processing Date
Milk Based Preparations	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Label	Label	Does not apply	Label
Meat Based Preparations	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Label	Label	Does not apply	Label
Egg Based Preparations	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Label	Label	Label	Does not apply	Label
Feathers and Skins	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply
Processed Blood	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Company issued document	Company issued document	Label	Company issued document	Company issued document or label
Tallow	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	CZE	CZE	Does not apply	Does not apply	CZE	CZE

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Serum	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	CZE	CZE	CZE	Does not apply	CZE
Hunting Trophies	CZE	Commercial invoice, final consignee indicated in the certificate of origin, quality control or in the CZE	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply	Does not apply

**TABLE II
LIVE ANIMALS**

MERCHANDISE	REQUIREMENTS	
	Place of Origin	Specific Destination
Live Animals	CZE	Address of shipment destination

**TABLE III
BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL OR FOODSTUFF PRODUCTS FOR USE IN ANIMALS OR CONSUMPTION BY ANIMALS**

MERCHANDISE	REQUIREMENTS		
	Place of Origin	Specific Destination	Registered Plant Number
Biological, pharmaceutical and chemical products for use in animals	Quality control certificate	Commercial invoice	Document issued by the manufacturing company or equivalent document of plant registration
Food products for consumption by animals	Quality control certificate	Commercial invoice	Document issued by the manufacturing company or equivalent document of plant registration

CZE* Zoosanitary export certificate from country of origin

Agency in Charge: SAGARPA

Important Features of the Resolution:

This announcement refers to border inspections for selected agricultural products. The resolution requires exporters of certain animal and animal by-products to Mexico to comply with SAGARPA's certification requirements.

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Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagar.gob.mx and Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Commerce (SDE) can be found at www.sde.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained on the mentioned sites.